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I took the Jameses down to Versailles this morning. We went on a guided tour through the Chateau. I have done this often but there is always something new to be seen.

The weather is beautiful and we walked through the park to the Lanterne, where we lunched. Later we returned to Paris.

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MONDAY
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Ridgway Knight said goodbye to us this morning. He has been immensely useful here.

Kenneth Cohen came to lunch with me. We talked of our activities together during the war. He has just returned from visiting most of the steel plants in the Schuman Plan countries. His own company, United Steel, is the largest in Great Britain and the most powerful in the British Steel Federation. He says the British corporations do not want a close connection with the Coal and Steel Community. However, he believes the British Government should enter upon negotiations of an exploratory nature with the CSC to ascertain whether a working relationship can be agreed upon.

Ed Martin came to see me this afternoon to show me the minutes of the closed sessions of the NATO Council. The Secretary made a good statement on the necessity of bringing the EDC to pass within the near future. His colleagues were in accord with what he said.

In connection with my report of the Secretary's conversation with Spaak, the following was added today:

"During general conversation between Spaak and Secretary regarding delays in bringing about unification of Europe, Spaak said that over-generous policy by the U.S. in the past must take a substantial part of the blame for the lack of progress towards the unification of Europe. Spaak said the U.S. missed a golden opportunity when at the outset of the Marshall Plan they did not make all Marshall aid contingent upon the creation of a unified political community in Europe."

After a day of museum visits, the Jameses came to rest with us tonight for dinner.

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